



The Shuster Standard

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It's Time to Stop Reckless Spending in Congress



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Welcome to the April edition of the *Shuster Standard*. I want to take the opportunity in this month's issue to talk about the record levels of spending we have already seen in Washington and the additional spending and debt we will incur under the President's budget plan passed yesterday in the House. I voted **no** on the \$3.5 trillion Democrat budget that raises taxes on every American. It's time for the reckless spending to stop.

There has been a good amount of healthy debate and discussion about the recent votes in the House on the Democrats' trillion-dollar stimulus bill and the Democrats' multi billion-dollar Omnibus Appropriations Bill. Together the two bills spent over a trillion dollars of your money and placed the largest debt burden

on our children and grandchildren in American history.

To put things in perspective, these two bills were over 2,000 pages in length, had less than a day between being written and when they were voted on and were given only one hour of debate each without the ability to offer amendments. We deserve better than this.

The American public through their elected representatives deserve the right to know how their money is being spent. There has been zero accountability by Speaker Pelosi and her Democrat colleagues here in Congress. They are spending and driving our nation further into debt at great speed – all in secret.

Now, the Democrats in Congress have passed a budget that is historic in both size and scope. After spending trillions in tax dollars already, the majority party finds it acceptable to spend trillions more. The Democrats' budget will spend close to \$4 trillion this year alone and triple our debt in ten years. Every American household will be burdened with \$46,533 of debt that our grandchildren will shoulder. To pay for it all, the Democrats' budget contains \$1.5 trillion in tax increases that will leave no American family untouched. This includes a national energy tax that will cost the average Pennsylvania family an additional \$3,100 a year just to turn the lights on in their home.

In times of economic stress, families throughout the 9th district do what families do everywhere. They look for ways to save money, cut expenses and do more with less. We should expect nothing less from our government. The Democrats in control of Congress aren't listening. Their budget taxes, spends, and borrows too much and in the process, mortgages our children's futures for a growing activist government.

I am proud to have supported the Republican alternative that offered a new way forward for America instead of continued reckless spending and creeping government control of our economy. The Republican budget embraces the principles that made America great; personal liberty, economic freedom and entrepreneurship. It would freeze spending, produce a deficit \$3.6 trillion lower than the Democrat's budget and cut taxes.

We need new ideas in Washington and House Republicans are offering real solutions to the problems we face. I will continue to post news and information online about the budget on my blog at www.billsblogpa09.blogspot.com. I will also continue to post news and links on my Twitter account with real-time updates. You can follow me on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/repbillshuster) at repbillshuster. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the budget and your ideas on how we can make

government more effective for you.

Sincerely,

Bill Shuster



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